

## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1                   1.     A method for distributing and installing print device  
2 fonts, the method comprising:  
3                   maintaining a web site which facilitates selection from a set of  
4 print device-ready fonts;  
5                   through the web site, obtaining information concerning a visitor's  
6 system configuration;  
7                   through the web site, permitting selection from a set of  
8 compatible fonts within said set of print device-ready fonts, compatibility being  
9 determined based upon said information concerning a visitor's system  
10 configuration;  
11                  from the web site, authorizing transfer of a selected one or  
12 multiple ones of said set of compatible fonts; and  
13                  from the web site, installing said selected one or multiple ones of  
14 said set of compatible fonts on a visitor's print device.
- 1                   2.     The method according to claim 1, wherein said web site  
2 comprises a web site with a graphical user interface and software to permit  
3 visitors to shop, view and purchase any one or more of said set of print device-  
4 ready fonts and said step of authorizing transfer comprises authorizing transfer  
5 after purchase of a selected one or multiple ones of said set of compatible fonts.
- 1                   3.     The method according to claim 2, wherein said software to  
2 permit purchase comprises a financial services interface and supporting  
3 software for handling electronic purchase transactions.
- 1                   4.     The method according to claim 1, wherein said set of print  
2 device ready fonts comprise pre-tested fonts matched to print device models of  
3 common manufacturers and operating configurations.
- 1                   5.     The method according to claim 1, further comprising a  
2 step of accessing a configuration database to determine said set of compatible  
3 fonts based upon said information concerning a visitor's system configuration.

1           6.     The method according to claim 5, wherein said  
2 configuration database includes configuration and performance data for one or  
3 more print device products.

1           7.     The method according to claim 6, further comprising a  
2 step of displaying potential estimated performance gains which may result from  
3 the purchase of a font selected by a visitor.

1           8.     The method according to claim 1, wherein said  
2 information concerning a visitor's system configuration includes one or more  
3 of an operating system version, CPU type, CPU speed, print device driver  
4 versions, print device models, and frequently used fonts.

1           9.     The method according to claim 8, wherein said step of  
2 obtaining said information concerning a visitor's system configuration  
3 comprises launching software which obtains said information concerning a  
4 visitor's system automatically.

1           10.    The method according to claim 9, wherein said software  
2 which obtains said information comprises software which inspects the visitor  
3 system.

1           11.    The method according to claim 8, wherein said step of  
2 obtaining said information concerning a visitor's system configuration  
3 comprises receiving information through a form completed by a visitor.

1           12.    The method according to claim 1, wherein said step of  
2 obtaining said information concerning a visitor's system configuration  
3 comprises launching software which obtains said information concerning a  
4 visitor's system automatically.

1           13.    The method according to claim 12, wherein said software  
2 which obtains said information comprises software which inspects the visitor  
3 system.

1           14. The method according to claim 1, wherein said step of  
2 obtaining said information concerning a visitor's system configuration  
3 comprises receiving information through a form completed by a visitor.

1           15. The method according to claim 1, wherein said step of  
2 installing comprises launching software which configures the fonts onto the  
3 visitor's print device.

1           16. A method for distributing print device fonts, the method  
2 comprising:

3           guiding, through a web site, a visitor through selection of one or  
4 more fonts compatible with a system configuration of the visitor;

5           offering to sell, through the web site, one or more fonts  
6 compatible with the system configuration of the visitor; and

7           from the web site, in response to a purchase by a visitor,  
8 installing said selected one or multiple ones of said set of compatible fonts on a  
9 visitor's print device.

1           17. A web site for distributing print device fonts, the web site  
2 being accessible over the Internet and comprising software for:

3           permitting a visitor to select fonts compatible with that visitor's  
4 system configuration;

5           determining whether to authorize installation of a selected one or  
6 selected multiple compatible fonts; and

7           installing said selected one or selected multiple compatible fonts  
8 on a visitor's print device in response to an authorization determined in said  
9 step of determining.

1           18. The web site according to claim 17, further comprising  
2 software for:

3           obtaining configuration information from a visitor's system; and

4 comparing obtained configuration information to a database  
5 including configuration and performance data for multiple print device  
6 products; and

7 determining a set of fonts compatible with the system  
8 configuration of the visitor.

1 19. The web site according to claim 17, further comprising  
2 software for requesting and processing visitor payment for a selected one or  
3 selected multiple compatible fonts, wherein said step of determining whether to  
4 authorize includes determining whether payment has been requested and  
5 processed by said software for requesting and processing.

1 20. The web site according to claim 17, further comprising  
2 software for displaying graphical interfaces to guide a visitor through selecting  
3 one or multiple compatible fonts.

1 21. The web site according to claim 17, further comprising  
2 software for displaying fonts compatible with that visitor's system  
3 configuration.

1 22. The web site according to claim 17, further comprising  
2 software for displaying a selected one or selected multiple compatible fonts

1 23. A method for distributing print device fonts through a web  
2 site, the method comprising steps of:

3 maintaining a web site which permits a visitor to select from  
4 fonts determined to be compatible with the visitor's system by an analysis of  
5 information obtained by the web site;

6 determining whether to authorize installation of a selected font or  
7 fonts;

8 installing, via the website, a font or fonts authorized for  
9 installation by said step of determining.

1 24. The method according to claim 22, further comprising a  
2 step of advertising fonts available through the web site.